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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. No trading was reported. Offerings of whole birds were limited. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Trading was slow to moderate on bulk parts and meats. Demand was light to fair at best. Offerings adequate for parts and thigh meat, white meat items short to barely adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderate sales of fresh and frozen thigh meat, limited sales of tom drums and mechanically separated turkey, balance inactive. Demand was light for the adequate offerings.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 20, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	71	71.00	24	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00 **	69.60 **	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	71.00	69.00	66.50
WESTERN REGION	69.00 **	68.70 **	66.20 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00 **	69.60 **	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	69.50 **	69.00	66.49
WESTERN REGION	69.00 **	68.70 **	64.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Apr 24, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	83.43	49,000
16-24 lbs.	81.00	15,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	79,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 15-Apr-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	599	-23	23.58	(A)	601	23.58
South Atlantic	593	-15	29.52	(A)	594	29.52
North Central	1,954	-6	32.81	(A)	1,955	32.81
South Central	615	-22	18.52	(A)	616	18.52
West	269	-24	26.82	(A)	270	26.82
U.S. total	4,030(B)	-14	28.38	6	4,036	28.38
To-date						
2006	63,824(B)			89	63,913	
To-date						
2005	61,171(B)			49	61,220	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 329,000; for last year to date 355,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	482,566*
April 1 - 15, 2006	200,408*

To date 2006	1,468,410*
To date 2005	1,452,292*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 15-Apr-2006					
Head	1,838	2,164	28	6	4,036
Avg Wt	16.66	38.35	26.10	33.23	28.38
Last week	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Same wk yr ago	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132
Avg Wt	16.35	38.07	24.72	29.42	29.81
To-date/2006	26,687	36,808	329	89	63,913
To-date/2005	23,161	37,655	355	49	61,220

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 APRIL 2006.

The market tone on thigh meat, tom drums, tom full-cut wings, tom 2-joint and tom necks remain steady to weak, Demand light to moderate. Offerings are mixed, short to adequate. Tom full-cut wing, thigh meat and tom necks offerings are adequate. Trading on white meat was slow as availability of product was slowed due to shortened work weeks due to the Easter holiday.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	135.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-46.00		44.40	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	45.00-46.00		45.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-23.00		21.31	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	34.50-35.00		34.67	60
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	164.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	174.00	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	123.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	121.00		121.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	169.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	168.45	11
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	83.00		83.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	21.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00		45.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	30.00	104
TAILS		F	25.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	108

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	135.00	9	135.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-45.00		44.60	99	44.41	268
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.00		50.00	11	44.88	211
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00-40.00		39.86	140	39.63	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-23.00		21.33	120	21.54	489
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	20	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.00	40	36.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20	112.00	40
NECKS, TOM	31.00-34.00		32.25	69	33.75	418
NECKS, HEN	34.00		34.00	2	34.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	168.00-171.00		170.25	160	170.25	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	171.00-178.00		173.47	489	172.78	769
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	71.00-73.00		72.00	240	72.00	240
BREAST TRIM MEAT	114.00-117.00		115.07	111	117.18	151
SCAPULA MEAT	121.00-123.00		122.10	155	121.98	175
TENDERLOINS	161.00		161.00	40	161.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	168.00		168.00	40	168.75	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	84.00-86.00		84.75	59	83.52	199
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	168.00-173.00		169.88	64	169.88	64
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	24	21.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00-23.00		20.62	135	20.76	215
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00		44.00	40	45.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.00	160		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	30.00	104	30.00	104
TAILS		F	25.00	104		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.00	40	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-69.00		66.53	524	66.39	1,310

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